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In re Application of :  
Hermescec, et al. : DECISION REFUSING STATUS  
Application No. 10/823,523 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
Filed: April 12, 2004 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: A-72315- :  
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For: WOOD PRODUCTS AND :  
PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION :  
THEREOF :

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 28, 2004.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

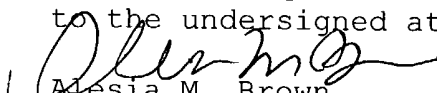
Petitioner has shown that inventor Branko Hermescec has refused to execute the declaration for the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

  
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